

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

THE CELEBRATION IN THIS CITY.

Splendid Military and Civic Procession.

Services at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Panegyric on the Apostle of Ireland.

Banquet of the Knights of St. Patrick.

The anniversary of the birthday of St. Patrick was celebrated in this city yesterday in the most enthusiastic manner.

From an early hour in the day the streets were crowded with people, and the sounds of the preparations for the procession were heard in every direction—drums beating, trumpets blowing and squads of soldiers pacing the sidewalks.

At ten o'clock in the morning a solemn high mass was offered up by the Very Rev. Father Starrs, assisted by Rev. Father Maguire as deacon, and Rev. Dr. Mcweeney as sub-deacon.

PANEGYRIC ON ST. PATRICK.

After the reading of the First Gospel, Rev. Francis Boyle, of Washington, ascended the pulpit and proceeded to deliver the discourse of the occasion.

Where were the glorious churches of the Eastern Mission, which were presided over by the Bishops, the France, and others, who were the first to introduce the Catholic religion into this country?

THE PROCESSION

committed to move about noon, by which time most of the societies had taken their proper places, in accordance with the prearranged programme.

At just ten minutes before one the head of the column reached the east gate of the City Hall Park, where an immense crowd of people had assembled.

A messenger was immediately dispatched to notify Mayor McGowan, who, a few minutes later, made his appearance, bearing in his hand his staff of office and a small green flag, in honor of the Irish community.

Brigade Band, led by Captain J. J. Barry, followed by the First Regiment of Cavalry, Colonel Munroe.

Detachment of Seventeenth Cavalry, followed by artillery detachments, led by Captain J. J. Barry.

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CELEBRATION BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

DINNER AT THE ASTOR HOUSE—LETTERS FROM ST. PATRICK.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK celebrated the anniversary of St. Patrick's Day at a dinner at the Astor House last evening.

Mr. Stetson received a card-blessed for the getting up of the entertainment, and availed himself to the utmost of the privilege.

Around the large dining room hung the flags borne by the Irish Brigade during their campaign under General Meagher.

At the east end of the room was suspended a portrait of Lady Winton, the mother of the late Lord Winton.

The main tables were each about sixty feet long, and at the west end of the room was a somewhat smaller one, where the President and invited guests were seated.

The tables glittered with crystal and silver. Wax tapers in gilt holders, and at short intervals, the tables were decorated with flowers.

Between the guests were appropriate arrangements of confectionery or vases of flowers.

The band from the Carillon Orchestra, under the conductor of the orchestra, which was one of Chickering's pianos, where Mr. Gustavus Geary occasionally presided.

At the end of the dinner, the society, occupied by the band, and supported on his right and left by Colonel John O'Mahoney, Mr. J. J. Barry, and others.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN BROOKLYN.

There was no public parade in Brooklyn yesterday, the societies, whose ranks have been considerably depleted by the war, having decided to form a part of the procession in this city.

The various organizations assembled at their respective headquarters and marched to the ferries by the nearest routes.

The display thus afforded, however, was very creditable to both the city and the societies.

Work was generally suspended by the working classes.

THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY

held their annual dinner last evening at Montague Hall, in Court street, near Montague, Brooklyn.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with flags of the United States and the Irish tricolor.

About two hundred guests sat down to four richly laden tables, and the dinner was most sumptuous.

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THE GREAT AMERICAN REMEDY.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

THE PURCHASE OF THE FORT GANESVOORT PROPERTY.

Communication from the Comptroller.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held March 11, the following communication was received from the Comptroller, whereupon it was

Ordered, That a committee be entered at length in the minutes and published in all the papers employed by the Corporation, and in the Sunday Times.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMPTROLLER.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

New York, March 11, 1864.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In reply to the resolution of your honorable body, calling for information regarding the proceedings had for the purchase of the premises known as the Fort Ganessvoort property, and the reasons why the directions of the Common Council relative to such matter have not been complied with, I have the honor to report:

That, in the adoption of the resolution authorizing the purchase of such premises, it was suggested, that great doubt existed as to the party in whom the title thereto was vested, in order to exhibit to the Common Council the difficulty which I experienced in the matter, I took occasion to state to them the questions which presented themselves to my mind, in a communication written forth the facts connected with the title, and to which I would again beg leave to refer.

(Pro. Board of Aldermen, vol. 89, p. 167, 168.)

I am, therefore, in compliance with the resolution, to state that, in the adoption of the resolution, I did not feel justified in concluding the purchase of such premises, as suggested, that great doubt existed as to the party in whom the title thereto was vested, in order to exhibit to the Common Council the difficulty which I experienced in the matter, I took occasion to state to them the questions which presented themselves to my mind, in a communication written forth the facts connected with the title, and to which I would again beg leave to refer.

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